

Preservation in the News

Q's Clips

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Clippings: 19 February 2007

DHR, in the news again . . .

Chesterfield County: Bermuda Hundred, a 17th century village that was the first incorporated town in English America, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. 020-0064

[Charlottesville Daily Progress](#) (AP story covered by many news media outlets)

DHR's Kathleen Kilpatrick, in the news again . . .

Danville: Historic preservation groups make last stand and stage protests in effort to prevent demolition of Schoolfield Recreation Center, eligible for individual listing in the registers. 108-5610

[Danville Register & Bee](#)

Danville: An additional series of columns and articles on the Schoolfield Recreation Center controversy and historic preservation efforts in the city of Danville. 108-5610

[Danville Register & Bee](#)

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Danville: CVS officials locate a time capsule in the cornerstone of the Schoolfield Recreation Center, and present it to the local preservation organization that fought the demolition of the historic building. 108-5610

[Danville Register & Bee](#)

Danville: Schoolfield Recreation Center is demolished after a lengthy fight and now the area can prepare for a shiny new CVS. 108-5610

[Danville Register & Bee](#)

DHR, in the news again . . .

Floyd County: Town of Floyd is using grant funding to recapture look of the 1900s in its historic downtown area.

[The Floyd Press](#)

DHR, in the news again . . .

Hampton: Guest column by Secretaries of Natural Resources and Commerce & Trade argues that the preservation of the historic and archeological resources on the historic Fort Monroe property must be a priority in its reuse plans; would a Fort Monroe National Park be feasible?
114-0002

[Daily Press](#)

[Daily Press](#)

DHR's Calder Loth, in the news again . . .

Richmond County: Menokin board of trustees looks into possibility of encapsulating the historic ruins of the mansion under a glass structure. 079-0011

[Richmond Times-Dispatch](#)

DHR's Randy Jones, in the news again . . .

Rockingham County: Driver Farm near Timberville and Bear Lithia (Bon Air) near Elkton will be considered in March for listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register. 082-0116, 082-5157

[Harrisonburg Daily News Record](#)

DHR's Mike Pulice, in the news again . . .

Salem: Rules and regulations in local historic district in Roanoke are contrasted with lack of regulations for historic properties in neighboring city of Salem.

[Roanoke Times](#)

DHR alum Scott Arnold, in the news again . . .

Statewide: DHR publishes a revised and updated edition of "*A Guidebook to Virginia's Historical Markers*" to celebrate 80th anniversary of creation of the highway signs.

[Daily Press](#)

DHR's Joanna Wilson, in the news again . . .

York County: 313 homes are planned on 65-acres of historic Carr's Hill tract's 437 acres just outside of Williamsburg.

[Daily Press](#)

Chesapeake Bay: Rising water is threatening numerous burial sites around the bay.

[Washington Post](#)

[Virginia-Pilot](#)

Historic Triangle: Colonial National Historical Park's operating budget is set to grow with President's proposed federal budget.

[Daily Press](#)

Nationwide: The relocation of historic houses has become increasingly common.

[New York Times](#)

Nationwide: President George Bush travels to Shenandoah National Park to tout proposal to increase funding for national parks by \$258 million next year, and as much as \$3 billion over the coming decade.

[Washington Post](#)

[Winchester Star](#)

Nationwide: Federal officials renew effort to sell off thousands of acres of national forest land for short term funding directed to rural localities with forest lands.

[New Castle Record](#)

[Roanoke Times](#)

Statewide: APVA Preservation Virginia seeking nominations for endangered historic site list for 2007.

[Staunton News Leader](#)

Statewide: 167 communities are taking part in the yearlong Jamestown 2007 commemoration.

[Winchester Star](#)

Western Virginia: A 32-page brochure advertising the Wilderness Road to history buffs, vacationers and tourists is scheduled to be ready in two months. The trail stretches from Philadelphia to Louisville, Ky., but the brochure will concentrate on its 500 miles through Virginia - from Winchester to the Cumberland Gap.

[New River Valley Current](#)

Albemarle County: University of Virginia officials approve first renovations for Rotunda since 1970. 002-5055

[Cavalier Daily](#)

Albemarle County: County officials new efforts to direct growth not only to the 11 designated growth areas but also within those areas has kicked off debate.

[Charlottesville Daily Progress](#)

Albemarle County: Planning commission looks at Biscuit Run development, at 3,100 units the largest ever considered by the county, and officials remain concerned over lack of protections for historic features on the parcel.

[Charlottesville Daily Progress](#)

Alexandria: St. Paul's Episcopal Church officials clash with historic preservationists over a 190-year-old wall in the sanctuary built by renowned architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe. 100-0104

[Alexandria Gazette Packet](#)

Augusta County: Board of supervisors approve plan that it is hoped will salvage the endangered Grandma Moses House and Yount-Gochenour House. 007-0095, 007-1021

[Waynesboro News Virginian](#)

[Waynesboro News Virginian](#)

Augusta County: Restoration of long-vacant Middlebrook General Store in the village's historic district blends modern with the antique. 007-0236

[Staunton News Leader](#)

Bedford County: Historic Overlay zoning district is removed from a 20-acre parcel, after it was discovered that the designation had been made in error.

[Lynchburg News & Advance](#)

Botetourt County: Local couple joins statewide trend by placing their 265-acre property under a conservation easement.

[Roanoke Times](#)

Campbell County: Amateur underwater archaeologist plans reconnaissance survey in search of steamboat remains in Staunton River near Brookneal.

[Lynchburg News & Advance](#)

Chesterfield County: Amateur archaeologist finds site of Falling Creek furnace believed to have been built in 1619. 020-0063

[Richmond Times-Dispatch](#) (AP story, covered nationwide)

Culpeper County: Germanna Foundation sponsors cemetery analysis with a team of archaeologists at Salubria to determine identities of people buried there. 023-0020

[Culpeper Star-Exponent](#)

Culpeper County: Revitalization of older buildings downtown on East Davis has led to new focus on historic buildings on the outskirts of this area, near the Depot. 204-0020-0017

[Culpeper Star-Exponent](#)

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Fairfax County: The Civil War-era home of Laura Ratcliffe, a Confederate spy, may soon be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. 029-0245

[Herndon Connection](#)

Fauquier County: Fire devastates The Oaks near Warrenton, listed in the National Register in 2002. 030-0320

[Fauquier Times-Democrat](#)

Frederick County: GPS is used to log grave locations in the Brucetown United Methodist Church cemetery. 034-0685

[Winchester Star](#)

Fredericksburg: Construction workers at historic Maury School unearth what are believed to be human remains. 111-0009-0014

[Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star](#)

Fredericksburg: Budget amendment would help city enforce new easement on riparian lands. 111-5001

[Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star](#)

Giles County: A planned subdivision on portion of the historic Palisades cliffs overlooking the New River near Eggleston raises neighbors' ire.

[New River Valley Current](#)

Gloucester County: Noted historic structures engineer sees the chance of a long future for the ruins of the Rosewell Plantation house. 036-0041

[Daily Press](#)

Hampton: Editorial in *Daily Press* calls for a better planning group to decide the future of historic Fort Monroe; guest columnist to submit bill to speed up process of transferring control of Fort Monroe once the military decommissions the post; additional editorial that sees a solution at hand to the future of Fort Monroe. 114-0002

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Hampton: The rich African-American history of America's oldest permanent English-speaking town is still being written.

[Daily Press](#)

Hanover County: New driving tour, "The Road to Revolution," focusing on Patrick Henry will be created if proposed legislation to that effect passes.

[Richmond Times-Dispatch](#)

Hopewell: Construction has begun on project to save the bluff on the grounds of Appomattox Manor from slipping into the water below. 116-0001

[Petersburg Progress-Index](#)

Isle of Wight County: Retired Smithfield Foods CEO offers \$5 million to Smithfield town officials to buy historic Windsor Castle and make it a park. 300-5033

[Daily Press](#)

Isle of Wight County: More on the excavation of Col. Joseph Bridger's skeleton from St. Luke's Church near Smithfield.

[Suffolk News-Herald](#)

Isle of Wight County: Historic house in Smithfield could be victim of Smithfield Foods expansion plans. 300-0078, 300-0017

[Daily Press](#)

James City County: Everybody in the country is invited to come to Jamestown 2007 commemorative celebrations in May, but so far only 22 percent of tickets have been sold.

[Virginian-Pilot](#)

Loudoun County: State Delegate Robert Marshall introduces legislation to look into feasibility and desirability of building a light rail system on the Washington & Old Dominion Trail.

[Loudoun Times-Mirror](#)

Loudoun County: Columnist recalls memories of Waterford Old School Auditorium, which burned to the ground last month. 401-0090

[Leesburg Today](#)

Loudoun County: Leesburg Town Council and Dodona Manor appear to still be at odds over the proposed 6-foot privacy fence around the historic property. 253-0009

[Leesburg Today](#)

Loudoun County: Preservation Society of Loudoun County will hold its annual Valentine's Day membership meeting at the Purcellville Train Station.

[Leesburg Today](#)

Loudoun County: Mt. Zion Church embarks on project to create a permanent wetlands area and natural wildlife habitat on property it owns adjacent to the church. 053-0339

[Leesburg Today](#)

Martinsville: Virginia Museum of Natural History expects to be able to move into new building in early March.

[Martinsville Bulletin](#)

Middlesex County: Construction of a 700-home subdivision on historic Rosegill plantation near Urbanna is expected to begin this fall. 059-0009

[Daily Press](#)

Nelson County: Historic Oakland, on Route 29 near Lovingson, is being transformed into a museum of Nelson County history. 062-0052

[Nelson County Times](#)

Newport News: The USS Monitor Center at Mariners' Museum prepares to show off its port to visitors after 10-year project.

[Daily Press](#)

Page County: Historical images of the town of Shenandoah from the 1880s to the 1950s are compiled on a CD: "Shenandoah" Reflections of Yesterday."

[Shenandoah Valley Herald Banner](#)

Petersburg: Archaeologists and historians gather at Pocahontas Island to present some of the artifacts and information that led to its listing in the registers.

[Petersburg Progress-Index](#)

Prince William County: D.C. area anthropologists will present findings from their historic study on the African American experience at Prince William Forest Park. 076-0299

[Potomac News](#)

Prince William County: Lecture series presented by county's Historic Preservation Division include discussions on local history during the Revolutionary War and Civil War.

[Potomac News](#)

Rappahannock County: Some residents believe historic town of Washington's reluctance to annex their properties into town boundaries is rooted in prejudice. 322-0011

[Washington Post](#)

Rappahannock County: Property that was subject to debate and lawsuit in 2003 over proposed use of synthetic materials comes before the architectural review board of the town of Washington again, but this time with much less contention. 322-0011

[Rappahannock News](#)

Richmond: Resolution is making its way through General Assembly recognizing the historic view of the James River from Church Hill area of Richmond, a resolution one developer suspects may be aimed at preventing the building of two planned high rises.

[Richmond Times-Dispatch](#)

Richmond: Officials make plans to move Benedictine High School, built in what was then Richmond's Far West End in 1911, to Goochland County. 127-0392

[Richmond Times-Dispatch](#)

Richmond: Church Hill in the east end of Richmond contains most of the original 32 blocks of the city as laid out in 1737.

[Richmond Times-Dispatch](#)

Roanoke: Former home of Junius Fishburne, Mountain View, donated with hundreds of acres to the city in 1955, is currently in bad repair. 128-0022

[Roanoke Times](#)

Roanoke: Guest columnist supports architectural review board in the local Old Southwest Historic District as sound public policy. 128-0049

[Roanoke Times](#)

Roanoke: Black History Month is celebrated with a panel discussion in the Dumas Center, a reborn community arts center on Henry Street in the Gainsboro Historic District. 128-5853

[Roanoke Times](#)

Roanoke: Editorial calls for serious consideration before approval proposal for a modern incarnation of the old Rockledge Inn to be built atop Mill Mountain, on the site where the historic inn stood until it burned down in the mid 1970s. 128-0036

[Roanoke Times](#)

[Roanoke Times](#)

Salem: First Baptist Church has been at the core of the black community almost since the days of slavery. 129-5009

[Roanoke Times](#) (includes video link)

Shenandoah County: New Market Historical Society holds its first meeting.

[Harrisonburg Daily News Record](#)

Shenandoah County: Debate over future of county courthouse in Woodstock stirs passions and debate.

[Shenandoah Valley Herald Banner](#)

Stafford County: Firm is retained to stabilize historic barn at Hartwood Manor. 089-0021

[Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star](#)

Staunton: Frazier Associates recognized for its revitalization efforts with an award from APVA Preservation Virginia.

[Harrisonburg Daily News Record](#)

Suffolk: Obici Mansion will take a king's ransom to fully renovate. 133-5049

[Virginian-Pilot](#)

Tazewell County: A look back at Pocahontas, the blue collar coal mining boom town at the turn of the previous century, and Bramwell, where the bosses lived across the river in West Virginia.

[Wytheville Enterprise](#)

Virginia Beach: Archaeologist claims to have located a possible site of Henrytowne, a community that may have been contemporaneous with Jamestowne; other archaeologists express some skepticism about this claim; a meeting did not resolve the dispute.

[Discovery Channel](#) (similar stories carried nationwide)

[Daily Press](#) (AP story, carried in many other media outlets)

[Daily Press](#)

Warren County: Winchester family donates conservation easement on acreage along North Fork of Shenandoah River in Warren County to Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Association. 034-0303

[Winchester Star](#)

Winchester: Handley High School hosts an open house to celebrate the completion of the first phase of renovation project. 138-5001

[Winchester Star](#)

[Winchester Star](#)

Winchester: Opening date for George Washington Hotel has been put off until this summer. 138-0042

[Winchester Star](#)

Winchester: Board of architectural review approves renovations on stone house in downtown historic district. 138-0042-0568

[Winchester Star](#)

Project Review issues of potential interest . . .

Grayson County: Department of Corrections is looking at an alternative site in the county for its controversial new prison.

[Roanoke Times](#)

Montgomery County: Widening of Prices Fork Road to 6-lanes in Blacksburg-Christiansburg area would disrupt historic district. 060-0224

[New River Valley Current](#)

Stafford County: New Dominion Power line issue, this time in Stafford County.

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